

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE STATE MINERAL TEST HOLE REGULATORY BOARD**

**CHAPTER 0950-1-1
DEFINITIONS**

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0950-1-1-.01 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (1) *Board*- the State Mineral Test Hole Regulatory Board herein established.
- (2) *For exploratory purposes*- drilling of mineral test holes for the specific purpose of exploring for minerals, excluding oil and gas.
- (3) *Mineral*- means any substance with economic value whether organic or inorganic that can be extracted from the earth, but excluding oil and gas.
- (4) *Mineral test hole*- any hole in excess of one hundred (100) feet drilled during the exploration for minerals but shall exclude auger drilling in surficial or otherwise unconsolidated material, drilling in conjunction with mining or quarrying operations, and drill holes for the exploration of oil and/or gas, water, structural foundations, and seismic surveys.
- (5) *Natural brine*- naturally occurring mineralized water other than potable or fresh water.
- (6) *Operator*- the person, whether owner or not, supervising or responsible for drilling, operating, repairing, abandoning or plugging of mineral test holes subject to this chapter.
- (7) *Owner*- the person who has or attains the right to drill, convert or operate any mineral test hole subject to this chapter.
- (8) *Person*- any individual, corporation, company, association, joint venture, partnership, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, personal representative or private organization of any kind.
- (9) *Pollution*- means such alteration of the physical, chemical, biological, bacteriological, or radiological properties of the waters, soils, animal, fish and aquatic life or surface property of this state,
 - (a) as will result or will likely result in harm, potential harm, or detriment to the public health, safety, or welfare; or
 - (b) as will result or will likely result in harm, potential harm, or detriment to the health of animals, birds, fish or aquatic life; or
 - (c) as will render or will likely render the waters, soils, animal, fish and aquatic life or surface property substantially less useful for domestic municipal, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other reasonable uses; or
 - (d) as will leave or will likely leave the waters in such condition as to violate any standards of water quality established by the Water Quality Control Board.

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- (10) Supervisor- means the director of the Division of Geology in the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation or his authorized agents. (Acts 1974 (Adj. S.), ch. 508 § 3.)

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